MYSORE COTTON CONTROL BILL, 1963.

(Introduction.)

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—I beg to introduce the Mysore Cotton Control Bill, 1963.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Bill is introduced.

MYSORE IRRIGATION BILL, 1963.

(Motion to consider—Debate continued.)

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—I just want to know whether this maintenance cess is in addition to irrigation cess which is already there as also betterment levy and wet assessment.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—Maintenance cess has nothing to do with betterment contribution and water rate. This cess is only to meet the expenditure for maintaining the irrigation works.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—May I know the anticipated income from this maintenance cess ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—It depends upon irrigation acreage. It is at the rate of Rs. 5 per acre.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—You must have some figure as to what would be the revenue out of this cess.

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I cannot say off-hand what will be the revenue. I will have to find out the total acreage under irrigation and then calculate on that basis. If he wants correct information, I would supply. But off-hand I cannot give it.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Does it apply only to wet area which is going to be irrigated in future or to the existing areas also ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This maintenance cess would be collected only from the landholders who are going to be benefited by the irrigation works.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—That is in future ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I shall read out the relevant clause. Clause 44 says :

> "That State Government shall levy a maintenance cess at rupees five per acre per annum on all lands in the area benefited by any irrigation work maintained by the State Government, the Tungabhadra Board or a Taluk Development Board."

The beneficiaries will pay this maintenance cess and not others.

† **Sri S. SIVAPPA.**—That means that land which is already irrigated will also have to pay cess. I oppose this Bill.

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